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In re Patent Application of

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Examiner: Dudash

For: LONG LASTING AQUEOUS DISPERSIONS OR SUSPENSIONS OF PRESSURE-
RESISTANT GAS-FILLED MICROVESICLES AND METHODS FOR THE
PREPARATION THEREOF

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February 23, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
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Attention: Michael Hartley, Art Unit 1618

Sir:

REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF EXAMINATION

Applicants request examination of this application on the merits be resumed. Currently claims 50 – 115 are pending.

The subject application was at one time involved in Interference No. 103,881. According to information in the official file, Interference 103,881 was terminated in a Notice of Redeclaration of Interference and Entry of Judgment Against Claims 66-81 of this application dated October 9, 2003.

In an Amendment filed July 15, 1998, claims 50-97 were added to the application. In a further Amendment filed April 25, 2003, claims 98-115 were added to the application. The

Judgment against claims 66-81 of October 9, 2003 held claims to be unpatentable over the cited prior art although the claims were (apparently) not formally canceled.

This means that claims 50-65 and 82-115 remain active in this application and are not the subject of the Judgment letter of October 9, 2003.

According to information available in January of this year, the application is pending in Group Art Unit 1619 to Examiner Diana Dudash; however counsel believes that the examiner likely to deal with this application is Michael Hartley in Group Art Unit 1618 as he was involved with the series of applications on behalf of the assignee of the present application as well as other parties relating to this subject matter.

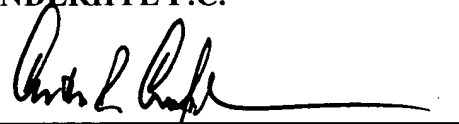
When claims 50-65 and 82-115 are examined on the merits attention is directed to Information Disclosure Statements filed November 24, 1998 and May 8, 2003 neither of which appear to have been considered by any examiner at the U.S. PTO.

Applicants request that this application resume examination of pending claims 50-65 and 82-115 be examined on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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